

Annual Prices Above Which Full Royalties Are Due
Not Withstanding Any Remaining Royalty Suspension Volumes

Deep Water Oil

Applicable		Oil Price Threshold (\$/bbl)		Actual Prices (\$/bbl) Average NYMEX Nearby Delivery
Calendar Year	Annual Inflation Rate	For leases issued in Sales held in:		
		1996, 1997, 2000 and 2002-2003*	2001	
1994		\$28.00		
1995	2.2%	\$28.61		
1996	1.9%	\$29.16		\$21.99
1997	2.0%	\$29.73		\$20.63
1998	1.2%	\$30.10		\$14.43
1999	1.4%	\$30.52		\$19.26
2000	2.3%	\$31.22	\$28.00	\$30.25
2001	2.2%	\$31.90	\$28.61	\$25.99
2002	1.2%	\$32.27	\$28.95	\$26.10
2003	1.8%	\$32.86	\$29.48	\$31.08
2004	2.1%	\$33.56	\$30.10	\$41.38
2005e	4.1%	\$34.94	\$31.34	

NYMEX Year-to-Date 2005 Average				\$55.43
Oct -Dec Avg Needed to Suspend Relief		-\$26.53	-\$40.93	
		\$34.94	\$31.34	
Estimated (e) Threshold Level Gap Between Threshold and Current Average		-\$20.49	-\$24.09	

*These thresholds also apply to Pre-Act leases with discretionary deepwater royalty relief. However, these thresholds do not apply to Eligible leases issued in Sales held in 1998 and 1999.

Deep Water Natural Gas

Applicable		Gas Price Threshold (\$/MMBTU)		Actual Prices (\$/MMBTU) Average NYMEX Nearby Delivery
Calendar Year	Annual Inflation Rate	For leases issued in Sales held in: 1996, 1997, 2000 and 2002-2003* 2001		
1994		\$3.50		
1995	2.2%	\$3.58		
1996	1.9%	\$3.65		\$2.50
1997	2.0%	\$3.72		\$2.42
1998	1.2%	\$3.76		\$2.16
1999	1.4%	\$3.81		\$2.31
2000	2.3%	\$3.90	\$3.50	\$4.33
2001	2.2%	\$3.99	\$3.58	\$4.06
2002	1.2%	\$4.03	\$3.62	\$3.36
2003	1.8%	\$4.11	\$3.68	\$5.49
2004	2.1%	\$4.19	\$3.76	\$6.18
2005e	4.1%	\$4.37	\$3.92	

NYMEX Year-to-Date 2005 Average				\$7.69
Oct -Dec Avg Needed to Suspend Relief		-\$5.59	-\$7.39	
		\$4.37	\$3.92	
Estimated (e) Threshold Level Gap Between Threshold and Current Average		-\$3.32	-\$3.77	

*These thresholds also apply to Pre-Act leases with discretionary deepwater royalty relief. However, these thresholds do not apply to Eligible leases issued in Sales held in 1998 and 1999.

Shallow Water, Deep Natural Gas (well depths >15,000 ft)

Applicable		Gas Price Threshold (\$/MMBTU)			Actual Prices (\$/MMBTU)
Calendar Year	Annual Inflation Rate	For Sale 178	From Sales held in 2001-2003**	For deep gas rule CFR 203 and 2004 lease	Average NYMEX Nearby Delivery
2000		\$3.50	\$5.00		\$4.33
2001	2.2%	\$3.58	\$5.11		\$4.06
2002	1.2%	\$3.62	\$5.17		\$3.36
2003	1.8%	\$3.68	\$5.26		\$5.49
2004	2.1%	\$3.76	\$5.37	\$9.34	\$6.18
2005e	4.1%	\$3.92	\$5.60	\$9.72	

NYMEX Year-to-Date 2005 Average				\$7.69
Oct -Dec Avg Needed to Suspend Relief	-\$7.39	-\$0.68	\$15.84	
	\$3.92	\$5.60	\$9.72	
Estimated (e) Threshold Level Gap Between Threshold and Current Average	-\$3.77	-\$2.09	\$2.04	

**Except Sale 178, march 2001

Sources: NYMEX - OIL WORLD
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- notes:
1. The price threshold is an estimate (e).
 2. MMS provides notice when price thresholds are exceeded. Once a price threshold violation determination is made, based on the most recent inflation data at the time, any subsequent inflationary adjustments will not affect the violation determination previously made for that year regarding qualification for royalty relief.
 3. The calculation for the year-to-date average consists of the 12 monthly averages, which each month averages the NYMEX daily closing price. This average includes holidays and weekends using the previous day closing average.
 4. When the (hypothetical) monthly average price needed to suspend relief is shown as a negative number, that product's price threshold for the year is guaranteed to be exceeded by actual market prices.

